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Dearest Mother & Daddy:

Well, we are now 3 days late inleaving, and there is no telling how many more we will be late. No boatsand no mail. We are completely cut off fromthe outside world now. We have no radios, as we have already turned them in, no news, and no mail. So we don't know what is going on in the world today.

Weare still sitting around doing a lot of nothing, but play softball. I haven't played thepast week. I broke the crystal on my watch and went down to Toril, a small town 4 miles fromhere, to get it fixed yesterday, but thewatchmaker had gone to Davao a couple of days. SoI didn't get it fixed.

This is Sunday morning, and I have been busy as a bee this morning. A lot of stuff is coming in that I have to take care, and the boys don't like to work on Sunday, but what has to be done, has to be done. Right?

We thought we were going to leave last Thursday, so on Wednesday we had our Thanksgiving Turkey dinner. We had a lot of turkey, and it sure was good. So maybe now we will have another Turkey dinner on Thanksgiving day. We don't know if the people in the USA have decided that the last or next to last Thursday in the month is Thanksgiving. When is it?

I'm inclosing a letter of appreciation that each man in the Division got. It's pretty nice, huh?

The boys over are sure hot about the 37th Division getting our boats and going home. It was anno unced a day before yesterday that they are en route home. The boys are burning the mails with letters to the Congressmen and big shots at home. Senator Taft of Ohio demanded of the War Dept. that the 37th Division, Ohio National Guard, be sent home immediately, and it was. Now, why haven't we a Senator to speak for us like that? Huh?

So we don't know how long we will be here. We might be here on January 1st, for all we know. No seemsto care whether we leave or not. I'm disgusted with it all.

I saw a couple of good shows the other night. One was Humphrey Bogart and Laren Bacall in The Big Sleep; and the other was John Hodiac in A Bell for Adano. Have you seen them? They are best shows we have had around here in a long time.

That is about all for this time, so be good and I hope to see you soon. Went out and saw M Co beat Co L 6-2 this afternoon, in a very good game, instead of going to Toril. We have another double-feature show on tonight.

Love,

Harold